had made representations on the same subject at the 23rd and the 24th sessions of the Assembly. In reply to the representation at the 24th session he was told that several elephant pits had been dug at Paloḍe, but that the local people had given no assistance to the Forest subordinates in the capture of the elephants. This was a mere misstatement. There were no pits dug anywhere in the place, and so far from the people not rendering assistance to the Forest officers, they solicited the help of the latter on many occasions in vain. Stringent instructions should therefore be issued to the Forest Department to repair the old pits and to dig new pits for capturing wild elephants.

In regard to the Police Station at Vidura, the member suggested that it should be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Inspector of Police, Neduvankad.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Subramonia Pillai, I shall touch upon two matters here as time is short, and in respect of other representations, you will get proper replies from the Secretariat in due course.

As regards the transfer of the Police station at Vidura, it is engaging the attention of Government.

As regards the capture of elephants, the Conservator of Forests has confided to me that he realises that a good deal of damage is being done. He is going to make an attempt to capture one or two elephants and thus scare this troublesome herd away.

### 138. Needs of Tiruvalla taluk.

MR. K. M. PHILIPOSE (*Member, Nominated*) said that Tiruvalla was a very rich and extensive taluk having a population of 275,000 and yielding a revenue of 1,41,000 rupees. Kadapra and Niranam were two of the important pakuthies in this taluk. Paucity of means of communication formed a remarkable feature of these pakuthies. Communication was very difficult in these places alike in the dry and in the rainy season. In order to remove these difficulties, a bridge should be put up either at the Pannai or the Pulikizhu *kadavus* on the Tiruvalla-Mavelikara road.

The Niranam church road which was already opened for about half a mile from the Tiruvalla—Mavelikara road should be extended to the Veeyapuram depot. The route of the road should be taken along the Mundanari *chira*. If that was done, the Mundanari canal will be deepened and it will become a very useful irrigation channel. The canal was a tributary of the Pampa and it should be deepened at its source.

A dispensary should be established at Kadapra.

The Village Panchayat Regulation should be brought into force at once.

A village board should be established at Kadapra as also a village panchayat.

A few public wells should be sunk in Kadapra.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Philippose, with reference to your representation in the matter of improving the means of communication and providing more communications for the Tiruvalla taluk, you may

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find it interesting to know that the Tiruvalla taluk stands first of all taluks in Travancore in the matter of means of communication since it has 2·6 miles of road per square mile.

In reply to the member's representation in Malayalam that most parts of the taluk do not get even half a mile per sq. mile the Dewan replied that the member might represent the matter before the Road Board shortly to be constituted.

Proceeding the Dewan said :

Then, in regard to the opening of an irrigation channel, the whole question of irrigation is engaging the attention of Government.

In regard to the bridge, that also may come up before the Road Board.

Then we come to the question of a dispensary at Kadapra. That may be taken up for consideration along with the general programme of dispensaries for the next year. Now we work on a programme for each year. Four months before the budget a programme is prepared. With reference to the making of wells, I would ask the Peishkar to report the matter.

DEWAN: What about village boards? What is your idea?

(The member explained in Malayalam.)

DEWAN: You mean Village Panchayats. Rules relating to them are under consideration.

The Assembly rose for lunch at 1-55 P. M. and met again at 3-2 P. M.

Before the regular business for the afternoon was begun, Mr. Narayanaru Krishnaru (*Member, Jenmies, Trivandrum Division, Group II*) spoke as follows with the permission of the President :

ഞങ്ങൾക്കെല്ലാവർക്കും ഒരു ലഘുപത്രിക പോസ്റ്റിൽ കിട്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു. വിവരമില്ലായ്മയുടെ കൂട്ടുതൽ കൊണ്ടു് അനാവശ്യമായിട്ടു ഇങ്ങനെയുണ്ടാകുന്ന പ്രവർത്തികളെ ഗവണ്മെൻറു തടയേണ്ടതാണു്. ആ ലഘുപത്രികയിൽ അതച്ചടിച്ച പ്രസ്സിൻെറയോ പ്രസാധകൻെറയോ പേരില്ല. ഇവിടെ കൂടിയിരിക്കുന്ന മെമ്പർമാക്കെല്ലാവർക്കും ഇതിൽ വളരെ മനസ്ഥാപമുണ്ടു്. ഗവണ്മെൻറു ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള പ്രവർത്തികളെ തടയേണ്ടതാണു്.

MR. K. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Member, Kottayam taluk, Group II*) ജന്മിപ്രതിനിധി ഇവിടെ പ്രസ്താവിച്ച സംഗതിയെ ഈ സഭ മുഴുവനും പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു.

DEWAN: Mr. Narayanaru Krishnaru, I do not think this House need waste its time or its attention on anonymous communications. Anonymous letters, I say, do not deserve the honour of rousing the righteous indignation of the members of this Assembly. Such anonymous things are sure to go back to the slime they come from.



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